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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 596

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*Celebrating the life of Troy Everette Strickland.*

Patrons—Edmunds; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Troy Everette Strickland of Scottsburg, a highly admired youth coach and public safety professional, died on July 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Halifax County, Troy Strickland never met a stranger and worked to enhance the lives of all of his fellow residents through his generous volunteerism and civic leadership; and

WHEREAS, Troy Strickland served as an investigator with the Halifax Public Defender Office, where he earned a reputation as a hardworking colleague and a trusted friend; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties for the county, Troy Strickland coached the Halifax Heat 14U girls' softball team and Dixie Boys Brewers baseball team, providing an exceptional role model for the boys and girls in his care both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Troy Strickland earned admiration for his willingness to always help a friend or neighbor in need; he heroically made the ultimate sacrifice while helping to rescue a young girl who had become trapped in a rip current at Emerald Isle, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Troy Strickland will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Jessica; his children, Ashlyn and Grant; his mother, Darlene; his sister, Jessica, and her family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Troy Everette Strickland, a proud member of the Halifax County community who touched countless lives as a youth coach and a public safety professional; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Troy Everette Strickland as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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